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RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

This document is filed in response to the Interview Summary mailed from the Patent Office on February 12, 2004.

Applicants previously presented the substance of the February 10, 2004 telephone interview between Examiners Chan and Haddad and Maria A. Trevisan and the undersigned in the response filed February 19, 2004. The complete substance of the interview will not be repeated here. However, Applicants wish to point out an inconsistency between the summaries provided by Examiner Haddad and Applicants. Specifically, as stated in the previous response, Examiners Chan and Haddad agreed with Applicants' attorneys that the post-filing data presented in previous responses establish the correlation of the in vitro assays presented in the specification and the in vivo claimed methods. The Examiners agreed to withdraw the present enablement rejection by the conclusion of the interview. In his summary, Examiner Haddad states that agreement was not reached and further states that Applicants' "response will address the correlation between the in vitro data and the in vivo data submitted in the Declaration of Dr. Brenner filed 7/16/03".

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A follow-up telephone call to both Examiners prior to the mailing of this response was not able to resolve this issue. The Examiners did not acknowledge having reached agreement with respect to the enablement rejection. Applicants' attorneys specifically remember Examiner Chan stating twice that correlation between the in vitro data presented in the application, the in vitro data presented in the Declaration of Dr. Brenner, and the claimed in vivo methods existed.

Applicants wish the record to reflect the inconsistent statements made by the Examiners. Applicants are frustrated by the lack of consistency provided by the Patent Office during the prosecution of this application, both prior to and following the telephone interview. Applicants specifically addressed prior inconsistencies with the Examiners during the telephone interview, clearly to no avail.

Summary

Applicants believe that each of the pending claims is in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner telephone Applicants' attorney in the event that the claims are not found to be in condition for allowance, prior to issuing a further action.

If the Examiner has any questions and believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorney would prove helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at (617) 720-3500 (extension 232).

Respectfully submitted, Brenner et al., Applicant(s)

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